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MONITORING THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA

Note by the secretariat

1. At its forty-fifth session, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities adopted resolution 1993/1, entitled "Monitoring the eradication of apartheid and the transition to democracy in South Africa". In paragraph 5 of that resolution the Sub-Commission requested the Special Rapporteur, Mrs. Judith Sefi Attah, to submit her second report to it at its forty-sixth session.

2. At its fiftieth session, the Commission on Human Rights considered the report of the Special Rapporteur (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/11/Add.1), which highlighted the progress made so far by the Government of South Africa and the likely impediments to a smooth transition to democracy in South Africa. In paragraph 7 of its resolution 1994/8, the Commission requested the Special Rapporteur to undertake two missions to South Africa in 1994 to gain further insights into the whole process of transition of democracy in South Africa and to report to the Commission at its fifty-first session.

3. The Government of South Africa has extended an invitation to the Special Rapporteur to visit South Africa and she is expected to visit that country in the near future.

4. At its present session, the Sub-Commission will have before it the above-mentioned report of the Special Rapporteur which was introduced to the Commission at its fiftieth session. In addition, the Special Rapporteur will make an oral presentation to the Sub-Commission.